

## Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

September 11, 2007 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room B

Rockford City Hall

**Present:** Laura Bachelder, Sally Faber, Maureen Flanagan, David Hagney, Mark McInnis, Mike Pauly

**Absent :** Ald. Doug Mark

**Staff :** Jonah Katz, Lucia Rinedollar

**Others:** Thomas Engelbrecht, Kevin Kney, Steve Jaycox, Lisa Doll

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mark McInnis stated that his name was misspelled throughout the minutes. The correct spelling is McInnis.

David Hagney made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes for the meeting of August 7, 2007 with the above mentioned corrections. The motion was seconded by Mark McInnis. The motion **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

#### **Certificates of Appropriateness**

##### ♦ **1214 Brown Hills Road**

Thomas Engelbrecht explained to the Commission that his application is for a tree house he is constructing for his children. The construction is in process because he did not realize that a Certificate of Appropriateness was necessary for the tree house. He presented drawings showing the design of the tree house which is a "tree friendly" design. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the current guidelines do not address tree houses.

David Hagney made a **MOTION** to **RESCIND** the letter that was previously sent to Mr. Engelbrecht from the Commission based on the fact that the current Guidelines do not address tree houses and therefore the Commission does not have jurisdiction over it at this time. Mark McInnis seconded the motion. The motion **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

David Hagney made a **MOTION** to have the Commission review the Guidelines to address this issue along with other items such as roof-top decks. The **MOTION** was seconded by Sally Faber and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Request from Owners of 228 South First Street**

Steve Jaycox and Lisa Doll, owners of 228 South First Street, were present at the August 7, 2007 meeting and requested that the Commission acknowledge in writing that the north side of the wooden, one-story addition is not visible from a public right-of-way. This would allow them to make changes in the future without applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness. David Hagney advised the Commission that he visited the property and was unable to see the north side of the building from the right-of-way. Therefore, the Commission agreed that they do not have jurisdiction over changes to the north side of the building.

David Hagney made a **MOTION** to **VERIFY** that because the north side of the building is not visible from the public right-of-way, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over changes to the north side of the building. The **MOTION** was seconded by Sally Faber and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

### **Realtor Training**

Sally Faber reported that the training is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and there has been one person signed up so far. They are still determining which homes will be used for the tour. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have home inspectors and appraisers attend this training.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Violations**

#### ♦ **515 Grove Street**

Jonah reported that a letter was sent to the Swedish Historical Society to notify them that the matter is being referred to the Legal Department due to non-compliance in resolving the violations. John Giliberti advised the Commission that it would be possible to cite the owners with building code violations and make them appear at a Building Code Hearing. By doing this the owners will receive a notice and be given the standard amount of time to abate the violations. It was agreed that the **MOTION** to **REFER** this to the Legal Department was made at the August 7, 2007 meeting and that the Commission wants Mr. Giliberti to pursue it.

## **OTHER**

With no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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